

Burkhard, Harold C.

Harold C. Burkhard, 81, of Harbor Beach, went to be with his Lord on Monday, October 31, 2005, in the long term care unit of the Harbor Beach Community Hospital. Born in Harbor Beach on May 27, 1924, he was the son of the late Alex and Edith (Gerstenschleger) Burkhard. Harold and Dorothy Perlick were united in marriage on July 5, 1947 in Harbor Beach. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army. Harold was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Harbor Beach and a charter member of the VFW Post of Harbor Beach and the American Legion of Harbor Beach. Harold enjoyed hunting and fishing and visiting with his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. Surviving are his wife of 58 years, Dorothy Burkhard, of Harbor Beach; children, Jean Huntoon and her husband, Fred, of Wheeler, Rick Burkhard and his wife, Sharon, of Wheeler, and Dennis Burkhard and his wife, Gail, of Harbor Beach; eight grandchildren, Jason Huntoon, Tysha Huntoon, and Jeremy (Erin) Huntoon, Joshua and his wife, Michelle, Aaron Burkhard, Melissa Burkhard, Christina Burkhard, and Amanda (Chad) Bucholtz; and two great-grandchildren, Tayler Huntoon and Josiah Burkhard; and a step-great-grandson, Jared Huntoon. Also surviving are brothers, Edwin (Bernice) Burkhard, Alex (Donna) Burkhard, Leslie (Dorothy) Burkhard, and Delbert (Grace) Burkhard, all of Harbor Beach, and Robert (Betty) Burkhard, of Bad Axe; and three sisters, Emilie (James) Smith, of Harbor Beach, and Beverly Forstner, of Flint, and Elaine LaBelle, of Marlette; two sisters-in-law, Angeline Burkhard, of Bad Axe, and Esther Burkhard, of Harbor Beach. He was preceded in death by brothers, Roland and Harley Burkhard. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2005, in Zion Lutheran Church, Harbor Beach, with the Rev. Mark Girardin officiating. Burial in the Rock Falls Cemetery, Harbor Beach. A scripture service will be at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Ramsey Funeral Home, Harbor Beach. Visitation will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today, and from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home, and from noon until the time of service on Thursday at the church. A military service will be conducted at the cemetery, performed by the VFW Post of Harbor Beach and the American Legion of Harbor Beach.